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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

STAT FROM: [REDACTED]
Chief, Classification Review Division

SUBJECT: Luncheon with Larry Pickering and Bill Slany

1. At the invitation of Larry Pickering, CDC/SR of State, I had lunch on 18 August with Larry and Mr. William Slany, who is now the acting chief of State's Historical Office, replacing Dr. David Trask who has moved to the Defense Department. The purpose of the luncheon was to improve the relationship between CRD and HO now that Dr. Trask has left the scene. I found Bill Slany to be quite an easy-going person, who seemed to be understanding of our problems, which I think bodes well for our relationship in the future, and thus for more efficient processing in the clearances of the Foreign Relations of the United States series.

2. We opened our conversation with casual chit-chat and then turned to a general discussion of the problems of classification review, in which I recounted some of our difficulties with manuscript review and some matters I had learned at the recent conference at the Ford Library which I thought might be of interest to both SR and HO.

STAT 3. We turned to a discussion of the review of the 1955-57 volumes of FRUS. I mentioned the problem we were having in not having received a sequentially numbered copy of the draft of Volume X which is currently under review by [REDACTED]. Without the numbers, we had difficulty in noting the specific documents and pages in which we would want to make deletions. Bill Slany advised that he could give us a complete set properly numbered, and we have since made arrangements for Karl to obtain what he needs from HO. I noted that we would want to make sure that future volumes given to us for review were stamped with this sequential number or some reference number common to HO, SR, and CRD.

4. We then discussed the relative advantages and disadvantages of reviewing the FRUS volumes in the draft form versus the galley form. Review of the galley is faster because the copy is easier to read; however, it is somewhat costly to State because many deletions that we make require State to ask GPO to reset the document. As Bill Slany described, the real costs to State were in obtaining clearances of GPO people in the printing of these volumes and setting up appropriate control mechanisms for handling the printing of the FRUS volumes. It

occurred to me that we are taking a considerable risk here (and have been taking a considerable risk all along up to this time) in allowing GPO to have access to this material before we have cleared it. Even though these people may be cleared, there is, of course, the matter of need to know. It occurred to me also that this problem may be compounded in the future as we get to material which potentially contains an increasing amount of compartmented information of different varieties; e.g., the SALT negotiations and verification. None of us involved in this process yet knows the extent to which we will be getting into compartmented information, if at all. It may be that, for the review of future volumes, CRD will have to insert a reviewer in State at a very early stage in which the documents are selected for FRUS to weed out any SCI material. I plan to have further discussions with Larry Pickering, and possibly Bill Slany, on this matter. In the meantime, I have asked [] to be on the lookout for any SCI material in Volume X and will ask the same of the other reviewers as we begin to receive the rest of the volumes of the 1955-57 series.

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